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SUMMARY: MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS (VAN EEKELEN) GAVE US
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON EC AID TO INDOCHINA,
DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF CSCE, AND ON DANISH
DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA, WHICH
SUPPLEMENTS REFTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. AID TO INDOCHINA: VAN EEKELEN SAID THAT BELGIAN
FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE, AS CHAIRMAN OF MEETING, ASKED
IF EC NINE COULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT THEY WOULD
COORDINATE THEIR PLANS FOR AID TO INDOCHINA BUT GOT NO
MORE THAN AGREEMENT TO DO SO IN
" CASES WHERE THIS WOULD APPEAR POSSIBLE" D
(BONN 4113). DOUGLAS HOME SAID HMG HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER
TO GIVE AID AND THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE MORE DESERVING
RECIPIENTS OF BRITISH AID. AFTER DANISH FONMIN ALSO
SOUNDED NEGATIVE NOTE ON COORDINATION, VAN ELSLANDE
EXPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT FORESEE A JOINT EC PROGRAM,
BUT SIMPLY EFFORT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. NETHS FONMIN
SCHMELZER INFORMED COLLEAGUES OF GON DECISION IN
PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE 30 MILLION GUILDERS
(APPROX. \$10,350,000) OVER TWO- YEAR PERIOD.
(FURTHER DETAILS SEPTTEL). SCHMELZER ALSO EXPRESSED GON
WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH EC PARTNERS ON
BILATERAL AID TO INDOCHINA.

2. CSCE: DURING DISCUSSION BY POL DIRECTORS AND FONMINS
OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF CSCE, DUTCH EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
IT WAS PREMATURE TO RAISE QUESTION OF REDUCING QR' S
AND TARIFFS VIS- A- VIS SOVS AND EE' S SINCE EC POLICY ON
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES HAS NOT YET
BEEN DEVELOPED. OTHERS SUPPORTED THIS VIEW AND
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AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO HURRY IN FORMULATING EC

PROPOSALS IN THIS AREA AND THAT EC ATTITUDE TOWARD USSR AND EE' S SHOULD BE CLARIFIED FIRST. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI SPOKE IN FAVOR OF GENERAL DECLARATION TO BE MADE DURING FIRST PHASE OF CSCE EXPRESSING RESPONSIBITCTY OF EC TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO COOPERATION IN EUROPE. ORTOLI ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLES 113 AND 228 OF ROME TREATY TO POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY EC OOMMISSION IN SECOND PHASE OF CSCE. FRENCH FONMIN SCHUMANN TOOK EXCEPTION TO COMMISSION BECOMING 35 TH CSCE PARTICIPANT AND SAID WP MAY RESPOND BY PROPOSING COMECON PARTICIPATION. SCHUMANN ALSO MAINTAINED THAT ARTICLES CITED BY ORTOLI CONCERNED NEGOTIATIONS, AND SINCE NEGOTIATIONS NOT ENVISAGED AT CSCE, THERE WAS EVEN LESS REASON FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION. IN THE END, ABOVE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DECLARATION, WERE REFERRED TO GROUP AD HOC. GROUP WAS ALSO ASKED TO PREPARE REBUTTALS IN EVENT WP PROPOSES COMECON PARTICIPATION.

3. NORTH KOREA: IN INFORMING COLLEAGUES OF HIS GOVERNMENT' S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA, DANISH FONMIN JUSTIFIED MOVE AS REMOVAL OF ANOMALY SINCE NORTH KOREA IS ONLY COUNTRY WITH WHICH DENMARK HAS NO RELATIONS. HE ADDED THAT MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN APRIL MEETING OF NORDIC COUNCIL. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DANISH FONMIN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT IMPLICATIONS WOULD BE FOR DANISH POSITION ON KOREA UNGA ITEM BUT WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS ON THIS.
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